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“Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord” Psalm 31:24.

The Promise Verse that the Lord has given for this month will strengthen us and make us courageous. As children of God, we wait in His presence day and night. Our Lord is going to perform miracles for us to strengthen our hearts.

Have a strong and firm faith in the Lord, that you will be strengthened in your job, business, your family and your future life. As you believe in this Promise Verse and trust that you will be strengthened in all what you expect and wait patiently, you will definitely receive your Miracle in this month!

May the Lord bless you all!

Shanthi Solomon

Be Watchful! Be Ready!!

“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But, understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him” **Matthew 24: 44-46.**

The above Verses emphasize the importance of the believer staying watchful and vigilant. This is an important word of caution that the Bible gives us.

Every day of our lives we spend imagining and thinking about our day-to-day matters and planning for the future indifferent angles and in great detail. However, we live without taking an effort in knowing the way, in which God wills to direct us. We are living in the season of Grace that God has extended for us in His infinite Mercy. But more importantly, this is also the period, in which we have to be thoughtful and vigilant.

As we wait for the Second Coming of our Lord, how can we be watchful? No one knows the time, when God will return. The Bible declares that the Son of Man will come like a thief at night, at a time when we do not expect Him. The phrase “Second Coming” is not used explicitly in the Bible. The Greek word “Parousia” is translated in English, as Second Coming. The correct meaning for this word is a Governor entering into his state or a King visiting his citizens with power and authority. We must clearly know two truths about Second Coming:

1. The risen Lord will definitely come, as the King of the entire universe.
 2. The coming King will be enthroned as king forever.
- These two are truths.

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Be watchful, since you do not know that hour. Watch and pray. What are the signs? Matthew 24: 14 says, “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come”. This is a good sign of things to come. God has been raising many mighty warriors to preach the Gospel. Churches too, have become keen on spreading the Gospel.

What is our role in all this? What should we do to participate in His kingdom, when He comes?

Let us search the scriptures:

- 1) We must be ready. Matthew 24:44.
- 2) Be careful. Luke 21:34.
- 3) Watch and pray. Mark 13:33-37.
- 4) Flee from sinful life. Luke 17:32.

How can we prepare ourselves? **Matthew 24:44** speaks about the parable of the ten virgins.

Dr. J. Alexander Firdlay narrates an incident in his Palestine travel handbook. While he was nearing a Galilean City, 10 beautifully adorned maidens welcomed his car into the City with music and dancing. On enquiring with his tour guide, he was informed that the tradition of the land is for the maidens, who are accompanying the bride to sing and dance with the bride, while they wait for the arrival of the bridegroom. Since they are not aware of the exact time of arrival of the groom on the night of the wedding, they will have lanterns in their hands. The doors to the marriage banquet will be shut once the groom arrives. Others cannot participate in the glorious events happening inside, since it is a private event. If there is such a due process and careful planning for a worldly bridegroom and bride, we can only imagine the grandeur that can be expected when the Bridegroom Jesus comes. How much more should we rejoice and wait vigilantly!

What is the purpose of His coming?

The Bible says that He is coming back to judge the world and that we must be prepared for it. Read **Matthew 7:21-23**. In Matthew 7:21, the Lord says only he who does the will of my father, who is in heaven will enter the kingdom of heaven. He will judge even our conscience. I Corinthians 4:5. He will also judge the vain words that we speak. Prophesying, casting out demons and performing miracles will not lead us to Christ. The purpose for which Christ came should be fulfilled in us. What is that purpose? According to Luke 4:18, it is to

1. Preach the good news to the poor.
2. Heal the broken hearted.
3. Proclaim freedom for the prisoners.
4. Recovery of sight for the blind.
5. Release the oppressed.

Are we fulfilling this in our life? Therefore, let us obey the Word of God, be watchful and prepare ourselves for His Coming.

In the Miracle Service,
Shanthi Solomon

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The Path That I Trod

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My Beloved Readers,

Praise be to the Holy Name of our Lord!

I thank God for enabling me to release the Magazine this month. When so many of you contact me to say that you find what I write to be interesting and useful and encourage me to continue to write, I feel humbled and marvel at the fact that people are enjoying this empty vessel's writing. I thank the Lord Jesus for this! I never dreamt that I would write like this and carry this Ministry forward all by myself. The encouragement and prayer support given by Readers of Miracle Ministry Magazine, Servants of God and Elders from different regions of the world is strengthening me. With great love I request you to pray, so that this Magazine will be released regularly.

Perinba Pereruvizha (Festival of Great Joy) was held every year for 10 days in the month of May. This Mega Crusade brought great joy to all of us. Millions of people would gather around the Seerani Arangam in Marina Beach. On one of the days leading up to the Crusade, they used to organize an All Night Prayer. I used to eagerly wait for it. The most unforgettable moments always used to be the time we had in between the evening Meeting and All Night Prayer. We would gather on the seashore, enjoy the cool breeze, sit on the sand and eat the special packed dinner. My mother Jeyaseeli Barnabas used to bring at least 50 dinner packets. I reminisce about those days now and wonder, if I would get to relive such Crusades again.

My first pregnancy ended in an abortion at the beginning of the 6th month. The reason - my husband and I used to travel to distant places by Scooter for Ministry on uneven Roads, which were filled with potholes and bumps. This used to be a great source of happiness at the early days of our marriage. We were Least bothered about my pregnancy. However, my weaknesses

and wanderings on the Scooter lead to the abortion of my first child. Since we were four girls in our home and no brothers in the family, the abortion affected me immensely. The baby that we lost was a boy. My beloved Uncle and Aunt Richard David admitted me in the CSI Rainy Hospital and took good care of me. After I was released from the hospital, they took me to their house and looked after me with great concern. After few months, I became pregnant again. According to Indian custom, the girl's family should take care of the first delivery. Since I didn't want to impose any financial strain on my mother, I got admitted in Government KOSHA hospital. No one was permitted inside the ward. My blood pressure shot up uncontrollably during the pregnancy. So that they admitted me in the Eclampsia Ward, where people with hyper tension, edema of hands and legs and other serious diseases used to be kept for treatment and observation. I struggled for 3 days. Every day outside the hospital my husband, mother, mother-in-law and my sisters used to wait with tears in their eyes. As I was reeling with pain inside, my husband's Aunt beloved Mrs. Partha took good care of me and helped my family members to occasionally see me through the window. I can never forget her love. With folded hands I used to ask my husband and family to pray for me through the window. Since they were unable to hear what I was saying, they mistook what I was trying to say and assumed that I was telling them with folded hands that I was going to Heaven and wept uncontrollably. I was in such serious condition. The Doctors couldn't perform the surgery and had given up hope that I would survive. But, by the Grace of God and because of fervent prayer, I delivered the baby normally. My daughter Sheba is that precious child. Since I brought forth her with great agony, I dedicated her to live, as a witness to the Lord and do His Ministry. I am happy to see that the dedication I made concerning her is being fulfilled now.

We will meet again in the next Issue of the Magazine.